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PATENT

Customer Number 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04853.0079-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kazunari TAIRA et al.)
Application No.: 09/974,974) Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: October 12, 2001) Examiner: Charles L. Patterson, Jr.
For: NUCLEIC ACID ENZYMES)
ACQUIRING AN ACTIVITY FOR)
CLEAVING A TARGET RNA BY)
RECOGNIZING ANOTHER)
MOLECULE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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